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It Pays To Use Chemicals Safely

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MILK IS A HIGHLY NUTRITIOUS

Safe use of agricultural chemicals—high quality—and adequate quantity

CHEMICALS IN MILK PRODUCTION

Chemicals—certain antibiotics and pesticides—have an essential place in modern milk production.

They are needed to—

- Help safeguard wholesomeness of milk
- Help safeguard the health of dairy cattle
- Help increase milk-production efficiency

When used properly in accordance with directions on the label, chemicals are safe, economical, and effective. When used improperly, they can be uneconomical and ineffective. More important, improper use can result in residues of the chemicals in milk.

The Nation's laws are designed to assure wholesomeness of milk.

KEEPING CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

Milk is a basic food in this country. Its purity must not be questionable.

Consumer confidence in our milk supply is well grounded. We have the knowledge to maintain this confidence.

Mr. Dairyman: It is up to you to maintain the purity of our milk supply by using pesticides and antibiotics safely.

Antibiotics get into milk chiefly through their use in the treatment of mastitis or other diseases.

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Withhold milk from treated cows from the market for the length of time recommended by your veterinarian or the instructions given on the label.

In addition, prevent mastitis and other diseases by following recommended control programs.

- Provide enough stall space and clean comfortable housing for dairy cows. Follow sanitary practices in caring for them.
- Do a good job of milking. Avoid udder injuries.
- Make sure your milking equipment is properly sanitized and in good repair.
- Raise your own herd replacements, if possible. If you can't, obtain replacements that are free of disease.

USING PESTICIDES

Follow the label on the container of any pesticide you buy. Check with your county agent about pesticides recommended this year for—

- Treating cows and dairy barns for fly control.
- Treating pasture and hay crops for insect and weed control.

Use only the pesticides recommended, in the amounts recommended, at the time and in the way recommended.

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Measure pesticides accurately. Mix them thoroughly. Apply them carefully. Observe all precautions on the label.

Don't buy hay, grain, or other feed that was improperly treated.

ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS ON THE LABEL.

BE SURE TO CONSULT YOUR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT OR VETERINARIAN.

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